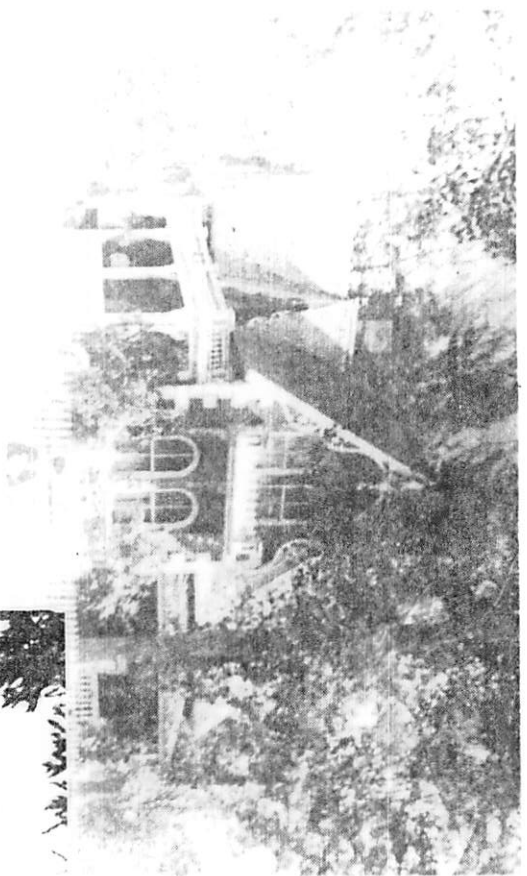


## BONNER'S CORNERS



*A Bonner Home*

*Nielson's Market -  
Formerly Bonner's Merc*



At the intersection of First East and Main Street, you find three trim houses which bear the trademark of John Watkins. Their story is interesting.

Two brothers, George and William Bonner, who were successful in the timber business in the valley, acquired this property and decided to build a home for their parents, George and Margaret Edmundson Bonner, on the northeast corner. The brothers supplied the materials and John Watkins built it. (103 East Main)

When the brothers decided to marry, they were foresighted and had John Watkins build each of them a home, one on the southwest corner and the other on the southeast corner. This was all in preparation for their weddings. George Bonner III and Phoebe Alexander and William Bonner and Sarah Eliza Bronson were married in their parents home on January 24, 1878. After the celebration, each couple went to their own home where a wedding supper was served. The home of Bill and Eliza was completely furnished, even to the dishes.

George and Bill built and operated the Bonner Merchantile on the northeast corner across from their homes and were very successful. The brothers purchased land and cattle and as the families grew, decided to divide the property. George had all girls, and Bill had four girls and four living boys, so George decided to take the store and Bill the land and cattle, with which both were happy.

The parents home was passed to the third brother, Thomas, and then to his son Glade, while George's home eventually passed to Thomas's daughter Glenna and her husband Leland W. Ivers. The Bonner Merc became the Iver's Merc before being purchased by Richard Nielson, and becoming Nielson's. Bill and Eliza lived in their home until their deaths. Their son Floyd Bonner now lives in the 104 year old home.